

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to January 31, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 6-8, 13-14, 23-26.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 February 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


CHARLES RONES
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. The After Final amendment filed on January 31, 2005 has been received and entered.
Claims 1, 6-8, 13-14, and 23-26 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 6-8, 13-14, and 23-26 are allowed.
3. The following is a statement of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record (D'Arlach et al. -U.S. Patent No. 6,026,433-and Eggleston et al. -U.S. Patent No. 6,061,660 –and - De La Huerga et al. -U.S. Patent No. 5,895,461-) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim), wherein the award entry information contains an input field in which the keyword is input and is described in HTML (Hypertext Markup Language), and wherein the award entry information is highly correlated with the specific keyword contained in the web page in such a manner that the specific keyword is contained in a portion defined in a META tag described in HTML, as claimed in Independent claims 1, and 13.

Claims 6-7 are allowable over the prior art made of record, because they are dependent from the allowable independent claim 1.

The prior art of record (D'Arlach et al. -U.S. Patent No. 6,026,433-and Eggleston et al. - U.S. Patent No. 6,061,660 –and - De La Huerga et al. -U.S. Patent No. 5,895,461) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim), wherein said search keyword input page transmitting unit changes the entry keyword whenever said search keyword input page transmitting unit transmits a web page containing the search keyword input field, as claimed in Independent claims 8, and 14.

The prior art of record (D'Arlach et al. -U.S. Patent No. 6,026,433-and Eggleston et al. - U.S. Patent No. 6,061,660 –and - De La Huerga et al. -U.S. Patent No. 5,895,461) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim), a search keyword input field into which the keyword is input, and an award entry keyword; and a determining unit which determines whether the award entry keyword has been input to the award entry keyword input field, wherein the award entry keyword is changed whenever the search keyword input field is transmitted to a user, as claimed in Independent claims 23-26.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neveen Abel-Jalil whose telephone number is 571-272-4074. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5: 30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici can be reached on 571-272-4038. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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February 20, 2005


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